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Joe Bertani ↓

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Dear Joe:

What you write seemed substantially correct to my recollection.

You are right, Max and Jean seemed to have no compunctions about working or publishing on lambda, while we were still trying to digest our findings. I have no other specific recollection, except that I had always found Salva to be trustworthy and considerate in matters of this kind.

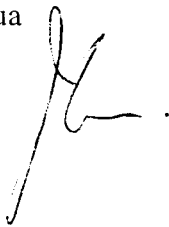
The earliest written reference to Weigle I can find, 1/31/51, is in a letter from Bill Hayes which I will send you. The Pasteur group Elie in particular, was quite eager, to assimilate K-12 recombination to phage. But I have trouble finding written record of that. It may be in some of their evanescent C.R. "publications".

There is probably more documentation to be found at: <http://profiles.NLM.nih.gov/BB>

See, esp., my letter to Salva, 1/30/50  
which I hard-copy to you in any case.

Thank you for these interesting tidbits.

Joshua

A handwritten signature, likely of Joshua Lederberg, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.